

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE  
CASEY COUNTY  
CLERK**

**For The Year Ended  
December 31, 2002**



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The enclosed report prepared by Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler PSC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Casey County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2002.

We engaged Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler PSC, to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler PSC, evaluated the Casey County Clerk's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.

Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure





## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE CASEY COUNTY CLERK**

**For The Year Ended  
December 31, 2002**

Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC, has completed the Casey County Clerk's audit for the year ended December 31, 2002. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

#### **Financial Condition:**

Excess fees increased by \$15,829 from the prior calendar year, resulting in excess fees of \$71,751 as of December 31, 2002. Revenues increased by \$100,583 from the prior year and disbursements increased by \$84,658.

#### **Deposits:**

The Clerk's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.



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## Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Casey County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2002. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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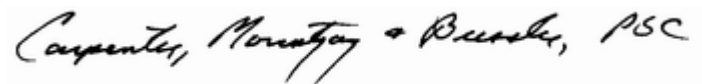
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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2003, on our consideration of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler PSC

Audit fieldwork completed -  
September 30, 2003

CASEY COUNTY  
EVA S. MILLER, COUNTY CLERK  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES

For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

Receipts

State:

Fees For Services	\$ 7,932	
Libraries and Archives Grant	<u>8,704</u>	\$ 16,636

Fiscal Court		6,507
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Licenses and Taxes:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$ 370,021
Usage Tax	781,638
Tangible Personal Property Tax	868,195

Licenses-

Fish and Game	9,310
Marriage	3,590
Occupational	379
Miscellaneous Licenses	45

Deed Transfer Tax	24,823	
Delinquent Tax	<u>45,251</u>	2,103,252

Fees Collected for Services:

Recordings-

Deeds, Easements, and Contracts	\$ 13,871
Real Estate Mortgages	20,875
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements	44,905
Powers of Attorney	1,600
All Other Recordings	14,624

Charges for Other Services-

Candidate Filing Fees	3,220	
Copywork	2,093	
Phone, Fax, Postage	<u>739</u>	101,927

Other:

Lien Search	\$ 40	
Title Application/Consideration Affidavits	7,660	
Returned Check Fees	535	
Miscellaneous	<u>35,699</u>	43,934

Interest Earned		<u>2,422</u>
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Total Receipts		<u>\$ 2,274,678</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

CASEY COUNTY  
 EVA S. MILLER, COUNTY CLERK  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2002  
 (Continued)

Disbursements

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$ 281,521
Usage Tax	757,402
Tangible Personal Property Tax	282,725

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Fish and Game	9,015
Marriage Licenses	1,040
Delinquent Tax	6,081
Legal Process Tax	11,580
Candidate Filing Fees	<u>1,740</u>

\$ 1,351,104

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$ 49,294
Delinquent Tax	3,505
Deed Transfer Tax	23,244
Occupational Licenses	<u>335</u>

76,378

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$ 539,442
Delinquent Tax	<u>23,256</u>

562,698

Payments to Sheriff

929

Payments to County Attorney

6,933

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries	\$ 87,000
Training Fringe Benefit	2,051

Contracted Services-

Advertising	760
Printing and Binding	2,400
Internet Services	184
Tax Bill Preparation	2,656

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 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2002  
 (Continued)

Disbursements (Continued)

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay: (Continued)

Materials and Supplies-			
Office Supplies	\$	10,526	
Other Charges-			
Conventions and Travel		2,311	
Dues		800	
Bonds		687	
Postage		4,531	
Bank Charges		232	
Returned Checks Not Collected		676	
Utilities		6,556	
Refunds		1,562	
Election Expense		96	
Libraries and Archives Grant		8,704	
Capital Outlay-			
Office Equipment		5,969	
Copier Maintenance		1,325	\$ 139,026
Total Disbursements			<u>\$ 2,137,068</u>
Net Receipts			\$ 137,610
Less: Statutory Maximum			<u>62,259</u>
Excess Fees			\$ 75,351
Less: Expense Allowance			<u>3,600</u>
Excess Fees Due County for Calendar Year 2002			\$ 71,751
Payments to County Treasurer- March 6, 2003	\$	34,000	
September 30, 2003		<u>37,751</u>	<u>71,751</u>
Balance Due at Completion of Audit			<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

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CASEY COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2002

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, certain receipts and certain expenditures are recognized as a result of accrual at December 31, 2002.

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Clerk's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 6.41 percent for the first six months and 6.34 percent for the last six months of the calendar year.

CASEY COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
December 31, 2002  
(Continued)

Note 2. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 64.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the County Clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of April 30, 2002, the County Clerk's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the County Clerk's agent in the County Clerk's name, or provided surety bond which named the County Clerk as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

Note 4. Grants

As of December 31, 2001, the County Clerk had an unexpended local records and binding and indexing grant balance of \$3,900. During calendar year 2002, the County Clerk received additional grant funds from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the amount of \$4,804. Funds totaling \$8,704 were expended during calendar year 2002. There is no unexpended grant balance as of December 31, 2002.

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AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
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PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS





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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Casey County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Casey County Clerk's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2002, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Casey County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler PSC

Audit fieldwork completed -  
September 30, 2003

